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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE REACTION TO WOODCOCK MISSION

1. GOP HAS EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT IMPROVEMENT IN US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS. ASSISTANT SEC FOR POL AFFAIRS MANALO HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED WHETHER WOODCOCK MISSION LIKELY TO LEAD TO DRAMATIC INCREASE IN US AID, NOTING ASEAN CONCERN THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE MIGHT TIP REGIONAL POWER BALANCE IN FAVOR OF SRV. IN REPLY, POL CONS STRESSED THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS LIKELY TO BE GRADUAL; THAT SUDDEN TRANSITION FROM HOSTILITY TO SIGNIFICANT RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE UNLIKELY.

2. ASKED WHAT GOP REGARDED AS DESIRABLE US POLICY TOWARD SRV, MANALO REPLIED THAT A LITTLE AID (PREFERABLY HUMANITARIAN) TO REDUCE SRV'S CHRONIC "CHIP ON SHOULDER" ATTITUDE MIGHT BE HELPFUL, BUT LARGE-SCALE "INDUSTRIAL" CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSISTANCE WOULD CAUSE GREAT CONCERN TO ASEAN STATES.

3. AMBASSADOR TO UN NARCISSE REYES EXPRESSED SIMILAR RESERVATIONS TO AMBASSADOR BUT IN MORE FORCEFUL TERMS. HE SAID "ASEAN CAUCUS" AT UN (FROM WHICH HE HAS JUST RETURNED) SEE DANGER THAT US WOULD TRY TO OUTPOINT SOVIETS IN VIETNAM, CREATING SITUATION DETRIMENTAL TO

ASEAN INTERESTS.

4. PRESS COVERAGE OF WOODCOCK MISSION HAS BEEN SLIGHT AND THERE HAD BEEN NO RPT NO COMMENTARY -- A REFLECTION OF PRE-OCCUPATION WITH MINDANAO AND RATHER LOW LEVEL OF MEDIA INTEREST IN FOREIGN POLICY GENERALLY.
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